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IMAGE PROCESSING CONTROL PROGRAM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116


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This is a response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2003, and is respectfully submitted to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as revised in "Changes to Implement Electronic Maintenance of Official Patent Application Records," 68 Fed. Reg. 38,611, 38,628 (June 30, 2003).

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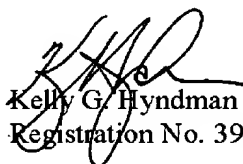
Sir:

This is a SUPPLEMENTAL response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2003, and supplements the material contained in Applicant's Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on July 11, 2003. This supplemental response is meant to clarify the status of various claims. In the Amendment filed on July 11, 2003, claims 1 and 9-14 were incorrectly indicated as having a status of "Not Entered." The status should have been "Currently Amended."

Respectfully submitted,

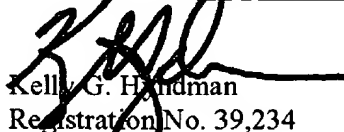
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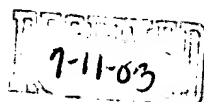
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